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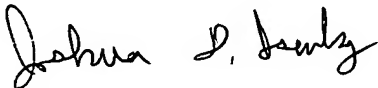
CORRECTION OF PREVIOUS AMENDMENT

The Applicants have corrected the previous amendment to the claims by adding an indication of the status of claims 1-20. These claims had been canceled by a previous amendment.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth in the amendment dated January 2, 2004, the Applicants submit that all claims are allowable over the cited art and define an invention suitable for patent protection. The Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment, reconsider the application, and issue a Notice of Allowance in the next Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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